Uranium mines to private sector

1798. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give Uranium mines to the private sector for mining and processing;

(b) if so, the mines which Government propose to privatize and the reasons therefor;

(c) for how many years this contract would be given and the quantity they would process;

(d) whom they would sell the finished Uranium; and

(e) how Government would ensure safety in the Uranium processing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No policy decision has yet been taken in this regard.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

PPP model for exploration of Uranium Oxide

1799. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country has an established Uranium oxide reserve of 1,17,800 metric tonnes;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to have a Private Public Partnership (PPP) model for exploration and exploitation of Uranium for domestic use particularly with the Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government have taken so far to set up/operate viable projects in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Atomic Minerals Directorate for